



STUDIES

“Because you have to build...” – Developments and results of the quality management service of the Hungarian Library Institute (2017–2020)

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It is a service of the Hungarian Library Institute (HLI) to manage quality development in the Hungarian library system. In 2017, the Ministry of Human Capacities issued a decree (33/2017.(XII.12.)) that opened a new chapter in the history of quality management in libraries in Hungary. HLI has inherited a system that had been consciously built for decades, and was placed on a solid foundation. It became, however, necessary and inevitable for HLI to approach its tasks from a new point of view, with a new attitude. In the course of work, the goal was never to destroy, but to build – on an understanding of changing needs and using librarians' growing expertise. The article covers the developments and results in the period December 2017 to September 2020, from the emergence of this task to the establishment of a responsible department at HLI. The issues discussed are: partnerships, elaboration of KMÉR (Quality Assessment System for Libraries), self-evaluation, the Hungarian Libraries Database, invitations for grant proposals, background processes, training days and the changes in these fields.

Keywords: Efficiency; Grant for libraries; Hungarian Library Institute; KMÉR; National library; Quality management; Work organization

WORKSHOP

“404 Not Found – Who is to preserve the internet?” Past, present and future in digital space

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The ever-growing amount of digital content and the widespread use of the internet require that the long-term and secure preservation of the data content created in digital space, i.e. of the digital past, be accomplished for scientific processing, for transmission to future generations and social use – as the author of this study, Dr. Csaba Latorcai, Minister of State for Public Administration of the Ministry of Human Capacities pointed out in his address at an online workshop entitled “404 Not Found – Who is to preserve the internet?” Past, present and future in digital space held on December 2, 2020.

The proficient and secure preservation and utilization of the data generated in digital space requires an appropriate professional background, which is provided by the National Széchényi Library (NSZL), the library of the Hungarian nation. The government passed a resolution on the provision of resources necessary for the IT development of the NSZL. The pilot preparatory work for web archiving has been completed, and NSZL is prepared to continuously perform its web archiving tasks. The relevant government resolution and act amendment determine the legal and financial frameworks of web archiving from January 1, 2021. As a result, by involving the widest possible range of Hungarian libraries, by following and shaping international tendencies in the field, NSZL implements long-term preservation and the use of web content classified as a Hungaricum, as well as it ensures scientific processing.

Keywords: Electronic documents; Internet; National library; Preservation; Web archiving; Hungary

New features of the National Széchényi Library’s web archive in 2020

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The paper describes the latest developments of the web archiving project launched in 2017 in the National Széchényi Library (NSZL) and the organiza-

tional, legal and infrastructural changes affecting the project. It also covers the results achieved in preserving different types of websites, archiving problems, and the software used. It summarizes the efforts to promote the topic, presents the international contact points, and finally lists the goals set for 2021 by the staff of the newly established Web Archiving Department in the NSZL.

Keywords: Development plan; International co-operation; Internet; National library; Preservation; Web archiving; Hungary

Opportunities for collaboration in the field of web archiving

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This is the published version of a presentation at the online workshop “404 Not Found – Who is to preserve the internet?”. It describes a collaboration model established within the framework of the *Public Collection Digitization Strategy* (KDS) between the Web Archive of the National Széchényi Library (NSZL) and some main county libraries. The advantages of collaboration and the co-ordination of workflows among the partners in the field of web archiving are presented. Some further professional discussions and presentations are also mentioned along with proposals for further research and training activities related to NSZL’s Web Archive.

Keywords: Co-operation; Development plan; Internet; National library; Public libraries; Preservation; Web archiving; Hungary

The relationship between Wikidata and the National Namespace

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The study examines the possibilities and benefits of the National Namespace–Wikidata integration based on examples from Hungary and other countries. Through the existing integration of Wikidata–Virtual International Authority File and Wikidata–Petőfi Literary Museum, the author approaches the issues of growth of visitor numbers, information exchange and voluntary human resource potential, exploring the possible ways of implementation and pointing out

expected gains. It is shown that linking to Wikidata allows National Namespace identifiers to appear in Wikipedia entries, thus generating significant reader access for the project. For public databases, Wikidata offers access to a wide range of valuable international identifiers (VIAF, ISNI, Library of Congress, etc.) and entities, while they can contribute authoritative data to Wikidata's expansion and the internet services that rely on it (e.g. Google search, virtual assistants). The structure and operation of Wikidata is described, highlighting the similarities with and differences to the National Namespace. In his summary, the author emphasizes the importance of exploiting the potentials of these two projects in co-operation.

Keywords: Authority control; Authority data; Co-operation; International co-operation; Linked data; Names of persons; National Namespace; National library; Semantic web; Wikidata; Wikipedia

National Committee for Library Standardization – report and work plan

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The National Committee for Library Standardization was established at the end of 2015 by the Director-General of the National Széchényi Library. The article summarizes the Committee's activities and achievements in the period between 2016 and 2020. It also gives an insight into its work plan for 2021–2025.

Keywords: Library standards; National Committee for Library Standardization; National library; Report; Work plan; Hungary

FROM OUR PAST

“Ex-libris land”. A key event in the past of Hungarian ex-libris, the 13th International Ex-libris Congress

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The original function of ex-libris (bookplates) was linked with books. The meaning of the expression

also reflects on that: 'from the library of'. At the turn of the 20th century, with the international appearance of Art Nouveau, a significant change happened: bookplates were gradually separated from books and became independent objects to collect. Associations of collectors were founded abroad and in Hungary; from 1953, international ex-libris congresses have been held as well. Hungary had the opportunity to organise the 13th International Ex-libris Congress in 1970: "November 5, 1970 will always remain a memorable date in the history of Hungarian ex-libris: graphic artists, ex-libris collectors and friends of small graphic from all over the world are going to meet in Hungary for the first time," declared Andor Semsey, lawyer and ex-libris collector, president of the congress in Budapest.

The study gives a detailed insight into the programmes, exhibitions and publications of the congress. The artist generation and the ex-libris collecting intellectuals (lawyers, teachers, librarians, doctors, scientists, priests, etc.) of the time took part in the event in large numbers. Museums and libraries in Budapest and in the country (including the Ernst Museum, the Museum of Hungarian Agriculture and the Lake Balaton Museum in Keszthely, the National Széchényi Library – as part of the Hungarian National Museum – and the County Library in Eger) played an important role in the arrangement of the programmes and exhibitions. The National Széchényi Library opened an exhibition of old Hungarian bookplates from previous centuries. In Eger, an exhibition of Hungarian ex-libris art between the two world wars was on display. In connection with the congress, an international competition was organized. The participating graphic artists could choose from the following topics: *Budapest, the city of the 13th Ex-libris Congress; Memorial graphic on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the death of Béla Bartók; Wine and grapes on bookplates*. A significant number of the works of Hungarian graphic artists were featured in the international exhibitions, too.

The Hungarian journal on small graphic *Kisgrafika* gave a detailed report on the events and the Hungarian press of the time covered the main programme as well. The congress was favourably received and highly appreciated internationally. It is no coincidence that the French professor and renowned ex-libris collector, Paul Pfister – who also took part in the event – called Hungary “Ex-libris land”.

Keywords: Art collectors and collecting; Bookplates; Catalogue; Congress; Ernst Museum; Exhibition; Ex-libris; Graphic artist; Internationality; Museum of Hungarian Agriculture; National Széchényi Library; Possessors; Small graphic

OBITUARY

In memory of Zsolt Bánhegyi (1949–2021)

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Zsolt Bánhegyi's name was well known in contemporary Hungarian librarianship. His great expertise can be judged based on the articles he published and the projects he was involved in throughout his forty years' career as a librarian. This short commemoration draws a personal picture of him, mentioning some significant events in his professional life.

Keywords: Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences; Library profession; Obituary

OUTLOOK

75 years of the United Nations. The Dag Hammarskjöld Library in the service of free access to information

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United Nations celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2020. Since 1947 the UN Depository Library Programme has arranged for the distribution of United Nations documents and publications for users. This is a worldwide network in which the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (DAG) is now providing UN documents online, thanks to its large-scale digitization programme. In the article, DAG's activities, the depository programme, and the UN Digital Library's features are described in detail.

Keywords: Collection; Dag Hammarskjöld Library; Digitization; Electronic library; International organization; Library history; United Nations

BOOK REVIEWS

Professional knowledge and skills – a transforming profession. Selected studies on library science

Szakmai ismeretek és készségek – átalakuló hivatás. Válogatott könyvtártudományi tanulmányok. Ed. Barátné Hajdu Ágnes. Budapest, Magyar Könyvtárosok Egyesülete, 2020.

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Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review), vol. 31. (67.)
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Keywords: Conference proceedings; Library association; Library profession; LIS education; Skills; Book review

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Információközzvetítés és közösségépítés – multifunkciós könyvtári hálózatok. Ed. Kiszl Péter, Németh Katalin. Budapest, ELTE BTK Könyvtár- és Információtudományi Intézet, 2020.

(Reviewed by Margit Prókai)

Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review), vol. 31. (67.)
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Keywords: Festschrift; IFLA; Librarianship; Library network; Library profession; LIS education; Social requirements; Book review

Polemic about two books on the future of libraries. An unconventional book review

Monok István: Könyvtári(?) problémák. A Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Könyvtárának közleményei, Új sorozat, 41., 2020.

Kokas Károly: Kalauz a modern könyvtárak világába. A könyvtárak új feladatai és megváltozott szerepük a XXI. század elején. Akadémiai Kiadó, MeRSZ., 2020.

(Reviewed by András Holl)

Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review), vol. 31. (67.)
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Keywords: Cultural heritage; Information technology, Librarianship; Library of the future; Library profession; National library; Prognosis; Social requirements; Book review

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Könyvtári Figyelő (Library Review) vol. 31. (67.)
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